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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.), PA  
SUBJECT: TODMAN VISIT

REF: A) STATE 169054, B) LANDAU/GRAHAM TELCON 7/21/77

1. SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN REFTEL A IS FINE WITH US AND  
WE SHALL START DETAILED PLANNING AS TO YOUR ACTIVITIES.

2. IN TELCON REF B, GRAPHAM INFORMED ME THAT AMBASSADOR  
LOPEZ ESCOBAR SUGGESTED THAT YOU COME ON AUGUST 15 TO  
OBSERVE THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED  
BY A MILITARY PARAGE. I MUST STRONGLY ADVISE YOU  
AGAINST CONSIDERING HIS OFFER AS IT COULD CAUSE BOTH  
YOU PERSONALLY AND THE USG CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT.  
PRESIDENT STROESSNER, WHO ATTENDS PARAGE IN FULL UNIFORM,  
WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY INVITE YOU TO BE WITH HIM IN THE  
REVIEWING STAND AND WOULD OTHERWISE SEEK TO USE YOU FOR  
HIS OWN POLITICAL PURPOSES (IN PHOTOS, NEWSREELS AND  
TV). WE HAD THE SAME CASE THREE YEARS AGO WHEN  
STROESSNER INVITED THE FOUR-STAR GENERAL COMMANDING  
US SOUTHCOM FOR THE PARADE. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH  
THE STATE DEPARTMENT IT WAS DECIDED THAT HE SHOULD  
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NOT COME. (AT THE LAST PARADE SOUTH AFRICAN VICE  
CHIEF OF STAFF WAS HONORED GUEST.) BOTH THE OPPOSITION  
AND UNDOUBTEDLY THE US PRESS WOULD PICK  
UP THE STORY AND THE PHOTOS.

3. I TALKED TO FOREIGN MINISTER NOGIES EARLIER TODAY  
ABOUT YOUR LATEST SCHEDULE AND HE DID NOT SUGGEST

ANY CHANGES. THEREFORE, I BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS LOPEZ  
ESCOBAR'S BRAINCHILD AND IT WOULD INDEED BY A MAJOR  
COUP FOR HIM IF HE COULD CARRY OUT HIS PLAN.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, I SUGGEST THAT YOU INFORM  
AMBASSADOR LOPEZ ESCOBAR THAT YOUR SCHEDULE AS SET UP  
HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY ALL THE POSTS AND IT IS  
NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO MAKE ANY CHANGES.  
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